

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amendments to the specification are shown in the following replacement paragraphs. Please replace the text in the "Summary of the Invention" section beginning on page 2 with the following:

Systems and methods consistent with embodiments of the invention allow a player to play a game of chance. In embodiments, the method can include communicating, by the central controller, with the game terminals; receiving, by the central controller, requests for verification of account identifiers and player authentication information; verifying to the game terminals, by the central controller, that the account identifiers and the player authentication information are valid; receiving, by the central controller, game information from the game terminals for games for which wager amounts were received by the game terminals; and based on the game information, adjusting, by the central controller, player account information associated with the account identifiers. In some embodiments, the method can include receiving, at one of the game terminals, an account identifier and player authentication information associated with the account identifier; requesting, by the one of the game terminals, verification of the account identifier and the player authentication information from the central controller; receiving, at the one of the game terminals, verification of the account identifier and the player authentication information from the central controller; receiving, at the one of the game terminals, a wager amount for a game and a request associated with the account identifier to play the game; determining, at the one of the game terminals, a result of the game using random numbers; and transmitting, by the one of the game terminals, game information associated with the game and the account identifier to the central controller for the game for which the wager amount was received. In some embodiments, the system includes a plurality of game terminals configured to receive account identifiers and player authentication information associated with the account identifiers, to request verification of the account identifiers and the player authentication information, and to transmit game information associated with the account identifiers for each game for which a wager amount associated with the account identifiers is received; and a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including a database configured to store

player account information for a plurality of players; an interface configured to receive account identifiers, the player authentication information, and the game information from the plurality of game terminals; and a processor configured to verify the account identifiers and the player authentication information, and to update the player account information, based on the received game information.